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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo situation



a) UN authorities in Leopoldville and New York are said to be disconcerted over terms of the Katanga cease-fire and Adoula regards it as a damaging blow to prospects for reintegration. They are troubled by the provision that Tshombé is free to defend himself if Katanga is invaded by the central government; 50X1

b) although Tshombé has indicated his readiness to begin negotiations with the central government, his "victory" over the UN is not likely to make him more tractable;

c) Gizenga, who is virtually AWOL from his post in Leopoldville, is attempting to put together a new "Lumumbist" coalition in Stanleyville. 50X1

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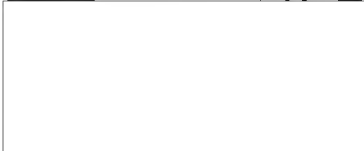
2. Violence in Algeria



Moslems have so far been fairly restrained in the face of the European mob attacks of the last few days--probably inspired by the Secret Army Organization. The likelihood of a worsening in the situation is strong, however, particularly in view of the nationwide Moslem demonstrations scheduled for 1 November which will probably provoke widespread clashes. 50X1

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3. Brazilian financial difficulties



Faced by a deteriorating short-term financial position, the government would like to get a speed-up 50X1 in the flow of US aid under commitments made to the Quadros government. Goulart is quoted as saying that President Kennedy thought he might be a Communist but this wasn't so and he would prove it, by changes in his government if necessary. Pro-American Finance Minister Salles, on Goulart's urging, may come to Washington to outline Brazil's position and problems. 50X1

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4. South Vietnamese assessment of Viet Cong rural strength



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the Viet Cong fully controls 10 percent of the country's 2700 villages; 30 percent of the villages back the Diem regime; and the remaining 60 percent, 50X1 though generally anti-Communist, are susceptible to economic, political and propaganda pressures from the Viet Cong. We have no comprehensive check on this estimate, but feel the 50X1 figures are probably fairly close to the mark. 50X1

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- A. The South Vietnamese government today declared a state of emergency, in effect until further notice.
- B. Our UN delegation believes that a Security Council meeting on Outer Mongolia can be postponed until next Monday or Tuesday. The Chinese Nationalist delegate has indicated that such a schedule is suitable to him.

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- D. Soviet nuclear test at Semipalatinsk yesterday

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- E. Anti-Castro elements in Argentina have lost ground in their efforts to force a break with Havana. Frondizi's case has been strengthened by the refusal of Cuban exiles to allow the Argentine government to examine the documents which they claim prove Castro-directed subversion.

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- F. Neither Moscow nor Kabul has announced a figure for the credit agreement which they signed on Monday, but we expect the Afghans to receive at least \$300 million spread over the 5-year term of their economic plan.

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